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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE - 7TH PLENARY MEETING -
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SUMMARY. SEVENTH MEETING HEARD FOLLOWING 12 GENERAL STATEMENTS:
ESCAP, IRAQ, UNITED KINGDOM, UNICEF, SPAIN, GREECE, EUROPEAN
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, IDB, NEW ZEALAND, MONGOLIA, FIJI AND
UNCTAD IRAQ STATEMENT INCLUDED A MEDIUM SEVERE SLAP AT ISRAEL, AND
MONGOLIA'S UNLOW-KEYED STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE PRG
ATTENDANCE AT WPC. END SUMMARY.

1. ESCAP DIRECTOR 1) DESCRIBED POPUALTION TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS
FOR AREA 1900-1985; 2) SUPPORTED WPPA AND STRENGTHENING ITS
RECOMMENDATIONS, OR AN ASIAN VARIANT, AS RESULT RECENT ASIAN CON-
SULTATION FINDINGS; 3) DESCRIBED ESCAP WORK IN DEMOGRAPHY DATA
COLLECTION; IN FAMILY PLANNING TRAINING, INFORMATION AND CLEARING-
HOUSE MATTERS; AND ATTEMPTS INTEGRATE POPULATION FACTORS INTO
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ESCAP'S OTHER WORK; 4) SAID REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS HAD

A VITAL IMPLEMENTING ROLE RE THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, BETTER INTEGRATING WOMEN INTO SOCIETY AND PREPARING FOR IWY IN 1975.

2. IRAQ - ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH LEBANON ON THE PALIESTINIAN REFUGEE QUESTION SAYING INTERNATIONAL BODIES SHOULD NOT REMAIN SILENT TO THIS CONTINUING VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY ISRAEL. SAID THE DC'S MUST HELP THE LDC'S SOLVE BOTH THEIR POPULATION AND FOOD PROBLEMS "AT THEIR SOURCE" BY PROVIDING THEM FULLY AND QUICKLY WITH THE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY NEEDED TO CLOSE THE GAP AND END DEPENDENCY. SAID IRAQ'S NEW (1972) POPULATION FORMULI-ZATION COMMITTEE HAD RECOMMENDED IRAQ STRENGTHEN ITS DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICAL BASE AND "ACCEPT PRESENT FERTILITY RATE UNTIL 1980" AND THEN RE-EXAMINE THEM.

3. FIJI - IN FINE STATEMENT TOLD HOW ITS 5000,000 MULTI-RACIAL CITIZENS LIVED IN HARMONY ON 300 ISLANDS THANKS IN PART TO ITS EXCELLENT, ELEVEN YEAR OLD, NATION-WIDE FERTILITY PROGRAM WHICH HAD FOSTERED A SLOW RATE OF POPULATION GROWTH AND A FAST RATE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT MIGHT SERVE AS A MODEL TO OTHER LDC'S. WARMLY PRAISED IPPF, UNFPA AND WHO AND THE UK FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE. ADVOCATED A SOUTH PACIFIC POPULATION FORUM TO BUILD UPON THE WPC.

4. UK - SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT EVERY CHILD BORN INTO THE WORLD SHOULD BE A WANTED CHILD AND THAT UK WAS STRIVING FOR THIS (AND FOR A STABLE POPULATION) AT HOME AND WOULD GIVE ALL THE HELP IT COULD TO THIS AND TO THE LDC'S. HOPED THAT THE DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW WOULD STRIVE TO FIND MUCH COMMON GROUND IN THE DRAFT WPPA AND THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE WORLD COMMUNITY 1) NOT BE DAUNTED BY THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PROBLEMS PRESENTLY FACING IT; AND 2) DEDICATE ITSELF TO A REINVIGORATED PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD ASSURE THAT THE POOR NOT ONLY DID NOT STARVE BUT SAW TO IT THAT THEIR LOT WAS SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED.

5. UNICEF - LOOKING AT THE POPULATION PROBLEM FOR THE POINT OF VIEW OF INDIVIDUAL HUMAN BEINGS,AND BASED IN ITS FIELD EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST TWENTY YEARS, WAS CONVINCED THAT HEIGHER FASTER DEVELOPMENT NOR POPULATION PROGRAMS IN ISOLATION WERE THE ANSWER. RATHER, WITHOUT DOING LESS IN THE POORER POPULATION UNCLASSIFIED

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AREAS, THE ANSWER LAY IN SIMULTANEOUSLY DOING MORE IN FIVE BROADER,BUT CLOSELY RELATED FIELDS NAMELY; 1) CLEAN WATER PROGRAMS; 2) WIDE-SPREAD IMMUNIZATIONPROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN SUCH AS MEASLES; 3) MAJOR EXPANSION OF MCH PROGRAMS (LINKED TO FP) IN RURAL AREAS AND SLUMS; 4) PROGRAMS TO COMBAT MALNUTRI-TION WHICH BREEDS BOTH FATALISM AND BABIES; AND 5) IMPROVING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WHO NEED SPECIAL HELP VIA SUCH THINGS AS LITERACY AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS IF THEY ARE TO CATCH

UP.

6. SPAIN - SAID THE ENDS OF MANY QUESTIONABLE IF WELL INTENDED PROGRAMS DID NOT JUSTIFY THE MEANS USED; SUPPORTED THE FRENCH VIEW THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON RESEARCH BEING DONE IN THE GENETIC FIELD; SAID IT SUPPORTED THE PROMOTION OF MEDIUM SIZED CITIES AND THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR MIGRANT WORKERS.

7. GREECE - HOPED THE WPC WOULD FIND A MIDDLE COURSE.

8. EEC - SAID THE WPPA WAS THE CENTERPIECE OF THE WPC AND HOPED THE WPC WOULD ADOPT A GOOD DOCUMENT TRULY WORTHY OF ITS NAME. SAID THERE MUST BE MAJOR COMMITMENTS OF BOTH WILL AND MONEY MADE BY BOTH THE DC'S AND LDC'S AND THAT DC'S ALSO NEEDED TO TAKE RECOMMENDATIONS OF WPPA TO HEART. EEC PLANNED TO DO THAT IN THE RE-EXAMINATION OF ITS AID POLICIES (INCLUDING POPULATION) THAT WAS NOW UNDER WAY. SAID DC'S SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THEIR RENEWED CONFIDENCE IN UNFPA AT THE WPC BECAUSE IT WAS DOING EXCELLENT JOB.

9. INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK - SPOKE CAUTIOUSLY BUT AT CONSIDERABLE LENGTH SAYING 1) POPULATION PROGRAMS WERE NOT A THERAPY FOR ALL PROBLEMS; 2) THAT IT WORKED CLOSELY WITH PAHO; 3) THAT LA WAS GROWING 9 MILLION A YEAR AND THERE WAS URGENT NEED FOR RATIONAL ACTION ON FERTILITY WITHIN THE WIDER HORIZONS OF DEVELOPMENT; 4) THAT IDB WAS VERY CAREFUL IN THIS AREA WITH ITS MANY DELICATE IMPLICATIONS BUT THAT IT HAD FLEXIBLE CRITERIA AND STOOD READY TO MAKE LOANS IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH AREA; AND 5) IDB PROMOTED RELATED RESEARCH, STUDIES, SEMINARS, ETC. AND PLANNED TO INCREASE ITS CONTACTS WITH UNFPA.

10. NEW ZEALAND SAID THAT FOSTERING THE WELL BEING OF THE LDC'S
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WOULD HELP ENSURE A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR EVERYONE AND THAT REFORMS IN THE MONETARY AND TRADE SYSTEMS PLUS MORE AID WERE THE WAYS TO DO IT AND NZ PLANNED TO DO ITS PART INCLUDING GETTING ITS ODA UP TO THE .7 PERCENT LEVEL CALLED FOR BY 1975. SAID NZ WAS RESTRUCTURING ITS AID PROGRAM TO ASSURE THAT IT DOD MORE FOR THE POOREST STRATA IN THE COUNTRIES IT ASSISTED. NZ WAS ALSO DOING MUCH AT HOME RE STATUS OF WOMEN, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND WELFARE AND STRESSING INCENTIVES TO BUILD UP SECONDARY CITIES AND PROMOTE DECENTRALIZATION AND HOPED TO PERSUADE VIA PROVEN EXAMPLE AND THE POOLING OF KNOWLEDGE. FAVORED THE WPPA.

11. MONGOLIA - AFTER REGRETTING THAT THE PRG HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WPC IN SPITE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, ECHOED THE USSR RE DETENTE, THE EVILS OF CAPITALISM

(ESPECIALLY UNEMPLOYMENT), LAUDED THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES GROWTH RECORDS IN GENERAL AND SPENT ANOTHER TWENTY MINUTES ON THE MONGOLIA MIRACLE OF THE PAST FIFTY YEARS CLOSING BY SAYING THAT MONGOLIA'S TRANSFORMATION WAS SO REMARKABLE IT PLANNED TO USE INCENTIVES TO INCREASE ITS CURRENT TWO PERCENT POPULATION GROWTH RATE.

1. UNCTAD - LINKED STOCKHOLM, WPC, WFC, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS CONFERENCE, NEW ECONOMIC ORDER AND UPCOMING 1975 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GA ON DEVELOPMENT AND HOPED FOR AN INTEGRATED WORLD PLAN OF ACTION COVERING ALL THESE IMPORTANT FIELDS AND INITIATIVES. SAID THAT BY UNCTAD CALCULATIONS THE REVERSE FLOW OF THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY ETC. BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE MAGNITUDE OF THE BRAIN-DRAIN OUTWEIGHED ALL ODA AND LDC'S WERE RECEIVING.
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